

Annual Review 2018-2019

Ecclesbourne Valley Railway Trust



Welcome to the 2018/2019 Annual Review of the work of the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway Trust

The Trust was formed on the 8th of November 2013 as a body whose purpose is to assist the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway by supporting the railway's activities along the line and at its stations, as well as supporting local economic and social initiatives in Wirksworth and in the valley's constituent communities.

Secretary's Report from 1st May 2018 to 1st May 2019

Major Works: Duffield Station

The 2018-2019 year has been primarily devoted to improvement works of various kinds around the station at Duffield, not only those in conjunction with the Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership (DVLCRP), but also in conjunction with Network Rail and East Midlands Trains. A major expenditure of the Trust this year was the provision of an electronic till system for the Duffield Station booking hall. This system now enables us to print tickets and sell goods and refreshments much more quickly than the manual system which it replaced.



The line at Callow Park with a train bound for Duffield

The Trust's officers have been engaged in much collaborative work during the year and the Trust contributes to the Duffield Community Association which is engaged in activities improving the village and in the provision of the annual Duffield Carnival.

During the year, the committee of Trustees determined that the Trust should cease to be an unregistered charity and simply become a supporting body to the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway. This change enables us to dispense with some onerous duties of being a charity which were of little benefit to our operation and constrained our income to an upper limit of £5,000, which were we to take steps towards larger projects (for example, to repair the car park at Duffield), the amount required of us would be far in excess of this small limit. The Trust now operates in the same manner as would a junior football club or a model railway society. Any charitable activity will henceforward be directed to EVRA.

Sources and uses of funds

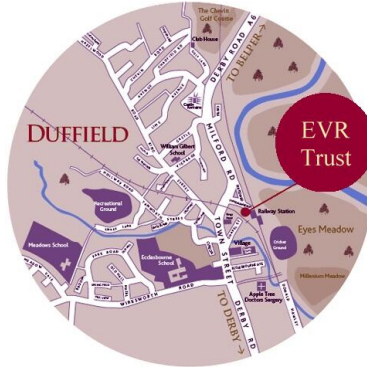
At the start of the Trust's year (which runs from the 1st May), the Trust held £1048.34 and primary expenditure was £950 in donation to Wyvernrail plc for the provision of the new till system and £400 to EVRA for their comfort. Income was mainly generated from talks given by the Trust's Officers to a large range of organisations ranging from the Derbyshire Masons to the Wirksworth Probus Club, this amounted to approx £1446.00 during the year. In addition, Trust income is generated from the sale of "A History of Wirksworth" by Anton Shone, other book sales and collection type items, amounting to approx £1837.00 during the year. At the end of the year the Trust held £2971.97.



An atmospheric shot of one of our visiting steam locomotives at Wirksworth

Community Aid and Support

The Trust continues to support the Duffield Community Association who undertake good works around the village and who are responsible both for the village's annual carnival and for its Christmas lights and decorations. The carnival attracts several thousand people to the village each year, held in Eye's Meadow and this brings considerable attention and income to the village, its shops, pubs and cafes, helping to support the community and its businesses in general.



Looking forward

Our plans for the forthcoming year will continue to focus on the development of Duffield Station and particular work needs to be done on the entrance gates and in due course on the car park. In addition to this the Trust intends once again to support one or two small worthy projects and is happy to receive applications for grant-in-aid amounts of up to £200 which fall within our purposes. The necessary application forms for grants-in-aid can be found on our website and this year we would look most favourably on community needs which have some bearing on the railway or are of mutual benefit for both the community and the railway.

Anton Shone, Secretary, EVR Trust.

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